



FREEDOM WATCH



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News briefs

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USDA recalls deli meats

PHILADELPHIA, Pennsylvania—Wampler Foods recalled all cooked deli products made since May at a suburban plant and halted production because the meat is possibly contaminated with listeria, authorities said Sunday. The recall of about 27.4 million pounds of meat is the largest in USDA history. It follows an Oct. 9 recall of 295,000 pounds of turkey and chicken products at the plant in Franconia, Pennsylvania.

Woman killed in Falls Church

FALLS CHURCH, Va.—Authorities were searching for a cream-colored Chevrolet Astro van with the right rear taillight out after a woman was shot and killed Monday night in a parking garage near a Home Depot store. Police did not know yet whether the shooting was related to the string of sniper shootings in the area. Fairfax Police Chief Tom Manger said the woman was shot once in the upper body and was pronounced dead at the scene.

AF squadron completes runway project

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The 200/201st Expeditionary RED HORSE Squadron completed a unique project Tuesday night and became one of

the first to perform a runway repair under cover of darkness using night-vision goggles.

"To my knowledge, this is the first time anyone has performed triple R with NVGs," said Lt. Col. Michael Skomrock, RED HORSE detachment commander.

The repair Tuesday night involved pouring concrete into and spreading an 11-by-13-foot section of Taxiway Charlie, the last of 628 slab repairs on the Bagram airfield.

Skomrock said the project was successful despite the need for a bit

more orientation with the NVGs prior to the repair.

"We did most of our preparations during the day," he said.

"We had a pretty low-risk situation out here," he said. "In a heavy sniper en-

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Photos by Sgt. Reeba Critser

Weapons cache

Soldiers from Company B, 3rd Battalion, 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment, Fort Bragg, N.C., load ammunition found at Little Tekthberg on a truck. The ammunition was transported to an undisclosed location. More than 30 trucks were used to transport the ammunition.

DoD to announce finalists in Pentagon competition

Special to the American
Forces Press Service

BALTIMORE—Defense officials plan to announce six finalists in the Pentagon Memorial competition at a Pentagon press conference

Oct. 17, Army Corps of Engineers officials said, recently.

The competition jury reviewed 1,126 entries that met competition rules. The jury narrowed the search to six concepts that will be further devel-

oped by their original authors.

The six competitors will receive a stipend of \$20,000 to help defray the costs of further development of their ideas. Their next deadline is December.

Jurors will meet then to select the winning concept.

Jury members are former Defense Secretary Harold Brown; Wendy

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Chamberlain, family member; Sheila Levrant de Bretteville, a public artist; Landscape architect Walter Hood; former Defense Secretary

Melvin R. Laird; landscape architect Roger Martin; artist Mary Miss; architect Gregg Pasquarelli; Terry Riley; Carolyn Shelton, wife of former JCS chairman Gen. Henry Shelton; and

Karen Van Lengen, dean, School of Architecture, University of Virginia. Alternate juror Jim Laychak, a family member, also participated.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers,

Baltimore District, is managing the memorial project on behalf of the Department of Defense. The site for the memorial is on the grounds of the Pentagon near the point of impact.

For Pentagon Memorial project information, see Pentagonmemorial.nab.usace.army.mil/.

For competition information, visit memorialcompetition.pentagon.mil.

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vironment, NVGs would be a good way to operate. We showed it could be done.”

The runway repair completion is by far not the only way the RED HORSE detachment will leave its mark when they depart Bagram. Evidence of their deployment exists all over Air Force Village and even on other parts of Bagram.

Holding a work-order folder roughly an inch thick, Capt. Mike Hrynciw, RED HORSE project officer in charge, showed just how much of an impact his team has had on Bagram.

Since the detachment’s arrival in mid-June, the members of RED HORSE have reconstructed Air Force Village, built the new showers and laundry facility, put up several hundred feet of Hesco security walls, constructed the industrial area east of the tower, rewired the air traffic control tower, built a basketball court and acted as the facility maintenance section for the entire compound. They are currently constructing the A-10 Clamshell prior to their redeployment home.

“We’re just trying to do our part,” the captain said. “We’re experts in construction and that’s what we ex-



Photo by Staff Sgt. Bobby Yettman

Staff Sgt. Scott “Sharky” McHugh, RED HORSE heavy equipment operator, shovels concrete out of a chute during the RED HORSE team’s nighttime slab repair on Taxiway Charlie.

plot.”

Every person who uses the shower facilities in the Air Force compound sees how RED HORSE has improved their quality of life—something many of the newcomers may take for granted. A few short weeks ago, the shower facilities were nowhere near what they are now.

“When the unit got here, the shower facility was an old building with no roof,” Skomrock said. “The male showers consisted of one room with three kitchen spray nozzles. The female shower consisted of one showerhead. The shave sinks were in a room with

no roof and had only two sinks.

Though the shower facility may be one of the most visible projects from the RED HORSE detachment, they’re responsible for nearly everything Air Force people see while they’re in and around Air Force Village. During their deployment to Bagram, the RED HORSE members have literally torn down and rebuilt nearly every area on the compound.

“We were here back before things were as comfy as they are now,” Skomrock said. “I know these guys can walk around with their heads up after what they’ve accomplished here.”

The RED HORSE detachment is one of the Air Force’s few “self-contained” units. At full strength, they are a 404-person strong team including their own doctors, medics, cooks, supply technicians, vehicle maintainers and construction crews. Half of the 200/201 ERHS members are from Camp Perry Air National Guard Station, Ohio, and the other half are from Fort Indiantown Gap, Pa.

“The idea is that we can be dropped off on an island with our people and equipment and build a base,” Skomrock said. “We’re one of the first groups into a deployment situation. Until

we get there, you’re not going to land an airplane.”

During their six months in the area of responsibility, the members of RED HORSE have gone to 10 other bases in the region to work on construction projects.

“At one point we had 370 people in theater at the same time,” Skomrock said.

In addition to the sizable footprint RED HORSE will leave in Air Force Village, they also left a mark in several other areas of Bagram.

“We’ve assembled and fixed ice machines for and leveled the area around the dining hall, built shelves and repaired a generator for the American Forces hospital, made several “saw cuts” or narrow trenches in the asphalt roads for the Army’s utility and power lines and even built about a dozen utility poles for the Army communications folks,” Hrynciw said. “This is our job, we like what we do.”

Skomrock said his team wasn’t solely taking on the repairs of the runway either; the RED HORSE detachment had some assistance from the Italian Air Force, Slovakian Air Force, Polish and Prime BEEF engineers.

HIND SIGHT

1783

Francois Pilatre de Rozier makes the first manned flight in a hot air balloon.

The first flight was let out to 82 feet, but over the next few days the altitude increased up to 6,500 feet.

1863

For the second time, the Confederate submarine *HL Hunley* sinks during a practice dive in Charleston Harbor, this time drowning its inventor along with seven crew members.

1914

Congress passes the Clayton Anti-Trust Act, which labor leader Samuel Gompers calls "labor's charter of freedom." The act exempts unions from anti-trust laws; strikes, picketing and boycotting become legal; corporate interlocking directorates become illegal, as does setting prices which would effect a monopoly.



Courtesy photo

Happy birthday, Navy

The U.S. Navy celebrated its 227th birthday Sunday with a cake cutting at the Bagram Air Base Joint Operations Center. the oldest and youngest seamen at Bagram did the honors.

Local weather

TWO-DAY REGIONAL WEATHER REPORT:

	<i>Today</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>
Bagram:	<i>Dusty</i> H: 84F L: 45F	<i>Mostly clear</i> H: 82F L: 45F
Kandahar:	<i>Haze</i> H: 90F L: 50F	<i>Haze</i> H: 88F L: 54F
Kabul:	<i>Dusty</i> H: 84F L: 45F	<i>Mostly clear</i> H: 82F L: 45F
Uzbekistan:	<i>Partly cloudy</i> H: 81F L: 49F	<i>Partly cloudy</i> H: 80F L: 48F

Weather forecast courtesy of the Bagram Combat Weather Team

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COALITION SPORTSZONE

The Day in Sports

(Compiled from *ESPN.com*)

Bonds, Giants win National League title

SAN FRANCISCO— Ten years later, Barry Bonds was on the right side of a play at the plate.

Kenny Lofton's line drive single with two outs in the bottom of the ninth inning scored David Bell as the San Francisco Giants closed out the St. Louis Cardinals, 2-1, in Game Five of the best-of-seven National League Championship Series.

With the win, the Giants earned the right to represent the NL in the World Series. San Francisco will travel down the coast to Anaheim on Saturday for Game One of the best-of-seven set.

San Francisco last reached the World Series in 1989, losing in four games to the Oakland Athletics. St. Louis was attempting to reach the World Series for the first time since 1987.

The World Series is the first between wild card winners.

Piniella done in Seattle, free to explore other options

SEATTLE — Lou Piniella won't be back with the Seattle Mariners next season.

The Mariners agreed Monday to release Piniella from the final year of his contract, allowing him to leave Seattle after a 10-year span during which he elevated the team to baseball's upper tier.

Mariners chief executive Howard Lincoln said the team will allow other clubs to interview him, provided that "adequate compensation" can be arranged. Both the New York Mets and the Tampa Bay Devil Rays may be interested in Piniella, also a former manager and GM of the New York Yankees.

Lincoln and team president Chuck Armstrong spoke to Piniella on Monday.

"We reiterated our mutual friendship and respect, that we were disappointed he wasn't coming back, that based on what he told us in Tampa Bay there was a pressing and real need to live and work closer to his family in Tampa Bay. We understood and we were sympathetic," Lincoln said.

He declined to elaborate on what compensation the Mariners would seek, but it probably would be money or players.

At least one suitor already is waiting. Lincoln said he planned to return a telephone call to Mets owner Fred Wilpon after speaking with Seattle reporters.

If any club wants to interview Piniella, the Mariners will seek compensation "in exchange for releasing Lou from his employment contract," the team said.

2002 Major League standings

American League Championship

Minnesota vs. Anaheim

Tuesday

Minnesota 2, Anaheim 1, Twins lead 1-0

Wednesday

Anaheim 6, Minnesota 3, Series tied 1-1

Friday

Anaheim 2, Minnesota 1, Angels lead 2-1

Saturday

Anaheim 7, Minnesota 1, Angels lead 3-1

Sunday

Anaheim 13, Minnesota 5, Angels win series 4-1

National League Championship

San Francisco vs. St. Louis

Wednesday

San Francisco 9, St. Louis 6, Giants lead 1-0

Thursday

San Francisco 4, St. Louis 1, Giants lead 2-0

Saturday

St. Louis 5, San Francisco 4, Giants lead 2-1

Sunday

San Francisco 4, St. Louis 3, Giants lead 3-1

Monday

San Francisco 2, St. Louis 1, Giants win 4-1

Did you know ...

*The Braves lost their Division Series despite outscoring the Giants, 26-24.

Which might seem tough, except that, of the 10 postseason series the Braves have lost since 1991, they've outscored their opponents for the series in six of them.

They also did it in the 1991 World Series, '92 World Series, '93 NLCS, '96 World Series and '97 NLCS.

Which tells you they won the blowouts but lost the close ones in all those series. Hard to figure.

*The 17 hits the Angels got in Game 2 are the most the Yankees had ever given up in a postseason game in Yankee Stadium. And while that game marked the only time in history the Yankees had ever lost a postseason game they led after seven innings in Yankee Stadium.

College GameDay

(Compiled from yahoo.com)

Associated Press Top 25

(as of Saturday)

TEAM	PTS	Last week	This week
1. Miami, Fla. (6-0)	1,841	d. Florida St. 28-27	Idle
2. Oklahoma (6-0)	1,776	d. Texas 35-24	Iowa St. (6-1)
3. Virginia Tech (6-0)	1,675	d. Boston College 28-23	Rutgers (1-5)
4. Ohio St. (7-0)	1,608	d. San Jose St. 50-7	Wisconsin (5-2)
5. Georgia (6-0)	1,555	d. Tennessee 18-13	Vanderbilt (1-5)
6. Oregon (6-0)	1,463	d. UCLA 31-30	Arizona St. (5-2)
7. Notre Dame (6-0)	1,403	d. Pittsburgh 14-6	Air Force (6-0)
8. Texas (5-1)	1,235	lost to Oklahoma 35-24	Kansas St. (5-1)
9. Iowa St. (6-1)	1,146	d. Texas Tech 31-17	Oklahoma (6-0)
10. Washington St. (6-1)	1,116	d. Stanford 36-11	Idle
11. Michigan (5-1)	1,114	d. Penn State 27-24 (OT)	Purdue (3-4)
12. Florida St. (5-2)	1,032	lost to Miami 28-27	Idle
13. N. Carolina St. (7-0)	980	d. North Carolina 34-17	Duke (2-5)
14. LSU (5-1)	914	d. Florida 36-7	South Carolina (5-2)
15. Iowa (6-1)	830	d. Michigan State 44-16	Indiana (3-3)
16. Tennessee (4-2)	639	lost to Georgia 18-13	Idle
17. Kansas State (5-1)	619	d. Oklahoma St. 44-7	Texas (5-1)
18. Air Force (6-0)	583	d. BYU 52-9	Notre Dame (6-0)
19. USC (4-2)	506	d. California 30-28	Washington (4-2)
20. Penn St. (4-2)	435	lost to Michigan 27-24	Northwestern (2-5)
21. Mississippi (5-1)	358	d. Arkansas State 52-17	Alabama (4-2)
22. Washington (4-2)	354	d. Arizona 32-28	USC (4-2)
23. Colorado (4-2)	213	d. Kansas State 53-29	Baylor (3-3)
24. Alabama (4-2)	165	Idle	Mississippi (5-1)
25. Bowling Green (5-0)	83	d. Central Michigan 45-35	W. Mich. (2-4)

Dropped Out: No. 16 Florida; No. 23 Wisconsin; No. 24 Auburn

2002 Heisman Trophy candidates

Byron Leftwich, QB, Marshall

Season stats: 114-for-174 for 2,039 yards,
15 TDs, 5 INTs

Ken Dorsey, QB, Miami

Season stats: 96-for-177 for 1,405 yards,
16 TDs, 7 INTs

Charles Rogers, WR, Michigan State

Season stats: 37 receptions for 765 yards, 7 TDs

Willis McGahee, RB, Miami

Season stats: 105 RUS for 735 yards, 11 TDs

Seneca Wallace, QB, Iowa State

Season stats: 124-for-192 for 1,799 yards,
11 TDs, 6 INTs



Ex-Nebraska player missing at bomb site

OMAHA, Neb. — Jake Young, an All-America center at Nebraska in 1988 and 1989, has been reported missing at the site of the bomb blasts in Bali, Indonesia.

The Omaha World-Herald reported Monday that Young was at a nightclub and restaurant Saturday when explosions, thought to be the work of terrorists, killed at least 187 people and injured hundreds more Saturday.

Rep. Tom Osborne, R-Neb., Young's former coach, said officials with the State Department had recovered Young's passport but had not located him by late Sunday.

"There's no absolute confirmation," Osborne told the World-Herald on Sunday, "But things don't sound real good."

Nebraska sports information director Chris Anderson said the athletic department had reports that Young was in the area of the blast and the family was awaiting word on his well-being.



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*"Do you
think
they have a
Duty
Free on
board?"*